

## Church Fenton Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting – ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

#### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Main Street, Church Fenton, LS24 9RF.**

Present: Cllr Andrew Mason – Chair  
Robin Harris (Clerk), 10 parishioners

*The meeting opened at 7:00pm*

1. **Apologies** – none received.
2. **To approve as an accurate record, the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**  
  
Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair
3. **To receive a report from the Chair regarding the Parish Council's work over the past year.**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024**

So, I don't forget at the end let me begin by thanking my fellow parish councillors for the work they have put in over the past year and also to thank our clerk who likewise has done a sterling job.

And last but by no means least a big thank you to our lengthsman Drew who carries out his duties quietly, efficiently, and effectively I can offer no higher praise.

The PC has had involved itself in many causes during the year, but special mention should be made of several areas.

The Christmas lights team secured more lights for the village this year and worked very hard to deliver a big switch on which was enjoyed by many in the village.

The Highways team have continued to wrestle with one of the most challenging areas of concern namely speeding, car parking and illegal vehicular movement through the village.

The environment group has had 2 successful days of planting with the aim of increasing biodiversity and enhancing the aesthetic of the village as well as holding a successful stall at Fenton Fest.

The play area team have carried out regular checks to the playground equipment to ensure its continued safety for all users.

The PC continues to take pages in Fenton in focus reminding residents what we are up to, where we can be found as well as asking for feedback on issues that the village faces.

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Planning and enforcement are generally on most agendas and whereas many applications of a domestic nature are dealt with quickly often with no comments required. However, some applications particularly commercial applications take a great deal of time to read and understand and all too often we have found ourselves writing to enforcement officers where conditions have been breached.

Councillors have also attended many external meetings connected to railway works, Highways, NALC, Village Hall, A public enquiry and many others.

The clerk continues to ensure that we operate legally and that our accounts are correct and up to date. Furthermore the Clerk has undertaken some further education and has commenced his CiLCA training which will help the council fulfil its constitutional role . we wish him well in his endeavours.

On finances the Council is in a good position with cash in the bank, creditors up to date and a regular monitoring of budgets.

The councils' major assets of the village Hall, the white Horse and the Community shop all continue to be managed by external groups and are thriving.

The council continues to support local organisation wherever possible and deal with a myriad of issues that are raised by residents.

The council is developing a closer working relationship with Ulleskelf and Barkston Parish councils.

Finally, a big thank you to all our residents who attend meetings, support the different groups whether that be Christmas tree lights, highways or the environment group.

*The meeting closed at 7.10pm.*

Robin Harris, Clerk to Church Fenton Parish Council

17 May 2024